## Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

X	Original	- Participal (1997)	Updated		Corrected		Supple	mental		
LRB	Number	05-2263/1		Introd	luction Num	ber <b>A</b> l	B-445	-		
Subject										
Individual income tax credit for dentists who are under-reimbursed by Medical Assistance										
Fiscal	Effect									
	No State Fiscondeterminate Increase E Appropria Decrease Appropria Create Ne	e Existing tions Existing	Rever Decre Rever	ease Existing	to abs	ase Costs sorb within Yes ease Costs	agency'			
Local:  No Local Government Costs Indeterminate  1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory  2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Decrease Revenue Permissive Mandatory Decrease Revenue Districts Districts										
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations  GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS										
Agenc	y/Prepared	Ву		Authorized \$	Signature			Date		
DHFS/ Ellen Hadidian (608) 266-8155 Andy					y Forsaith (608) 266-7684					

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives DHFS 6/23/2005

LRB Number <b>05-2263/1</b>	Introduction Number	AB-445	Estimate Type	Original				
Subject								
Individual income tax credit for dentists who are under-reimbursed by Medical Assistance								

## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a nonrefundable individual and corporate income tax credit for dentists for certain costs of providing dental services that are not reimbursed under the Medical Assistance program. Dentists participating in the program may claim 50% of the dentist's unreimbursed costs that are incurred in a taxable year. The credit may be claimed only up to the taxpayer's tax liability. AB 445 defines unreimbursed costs as the difference between a dentist's usual and customary charges for providing services and the amount paid to the dentist for the services by Medical Assistance.

AB 445 may increase the number of providers willing to participate in the Medicaid program. This tax credit is estimated to be the equivalent of a 50% increase in fees. It is likely that the credit would increase Medicaid participation and services by 20% to 50%. As a result, total program costs would increase by \$7.6 million AF (\$3.2 million GPR) to \$19 million AF (\$8 million GPR) annually, based on FY 04 total program costs of \$38 million AF.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**